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Employment in Connecticut reached its highest level in twelve months as personal income and average weekly earnings again were at record highs during December, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports. Other economic indicators also improved in the final month of 1980.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment rose by 7,800 to 1,418,990, the highest level in 1980 and the fourth highest statewide total ever. Growth from November was led by the retail trade industry, with only construction and health services showing any significant declines.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers rose to $314.71, an increase of $5.59 from November, and the average workweek was up slightly to 42.3 hours. Computed on a straight-time 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $287.20, or $7.18 per hour, 2 percent higher than November and 11.3 percent above December 1979.

Unemployment: Seasonal shutdowns and temporary factory inventory closings boosted unemployment to 100,700. The actual and seasonally adjusted unemployment rates of 6.2 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, once again remained below the comparable national rates of 6.9 and 7.4. The Danielson (10.5), Ansonia (10.2) and Bristol (9.5) labor market areas had the highest unemployment rates while Stamford (4.3), Norwalk (4.8) and Willimantic (4.8) had the lowest. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those people entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during the seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Seven of the eight seasonally adjusted economic indicators showed improvement, including gains in new auto registrations. Initial (new) claims for unemployment compensation dropped while manufacturing output made its greatest advance since June and factory new hires reached a seven-month high. Personal income advanced to an all-time high of $2,842 million.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

December 1980

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. (R) 1979	% Change Dec. '80 over Nov. '80	% Change Dec. '80 over Dec. '79
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,418,990*	1,411,190*	1,431,990*	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Manufacturing.....	428,910*	426,090*	440,780*	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Metallic Manufacturing..	314,280*	311,990*	321,740*	+ 0.7	- 2.3
Primary Metals.....	18,160*	17,910	21,950*	+ 1.4	- 17.3
Fabricated Metals.....	62,390	61,860*	65,280*	+ 0.9	- 4.4
Machinery, Ex. Elec...	61,240	60,560*	63,300	+ 1.1	- 3.2
Electrical Equipment..	46,930	46,850*	49,850*	+ 0.2	- 5.9
Transp. Equip.....	92,100	91,590	88,060*	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Instruments & Clocks..	25,250	25,020	24,780	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
Other Metallic Mfg....	8,210	8,200	8,520	+ 0.1	- 3.6
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	114,630*	114,100*	119,040*	+ 0.5	- 3.7
Food.....	12,290	12,420	12,710	- 1.1	- 3.3
Textiles.....	7,450	7,370	9,140	+ 1.1	- 18.5
Apparel.....	11,080	10,900	11,040	+ 1.6	+ 0.4
Furniture & Lumber....	6,940	6,910	6,740	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Paper.....	9,120	9,150	9,300	- 0.3	- 1.9
Printing & Publishing.	24,350	24,080	24,720*	+ 1.1	- 1.5
Chemicals.....	17,770	17,600	17,670	+ 1.0	- 0.6
Rubber & Misc. Plast..	12,220*	12,240*	13,480	- 0.2	- 9.4
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.	13,410	13,430	14,240	- 0.2	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	990,080*	985,100*	991,210*	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Construction.....	48,050	49,720	51,990	- 3.4	- 7.6
Trans. (Inc. R.R.)....	33,650	33,590	34,710	+ 0.2	- 3.1
Communications.....	17,950	17,910	17,300	+ 0.2	+ 3.8
Utilities.....	10,810	10,780	11,000	+ 0.3	- 1.7
Trade.....	311,130*	306,590*	312,570	+ 1.5	- 0.5
Wholesale.....	76,690*	76,390*	74,880	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Retail.....	167,350	163,270	170,690	+ 2.5	- 2.0
Restaurants.....	67,090	66,930	67,000	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Finance & Real Estate.	45,470	45,210	44,360	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Insurance.....	58,640	58,240	56,950	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Service.....	281,530*	280,940	279,150*	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Hotels.....	6,290	6,290	6,450	0.0	- 2.5
Laundries & Per.Serv	14,120	14,020	14,530	+ 0.7	- 2.8
Health Services.....	93,480*	93,780	91,450*	- 0.3	+ 2.2
Law & Professional..	19,650	19,610	18,810	+ 0.2	+ 4.5
Other Services.....	147,990	147,240	147,910	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Government.....	182,850	182,120	183,180	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Federal.....	22,380	22,090	21,680	+ 1.3	+ 3.2
State & Local.....	160,470	160,030	161,500	+ 0.3	- 0.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - D E C E M B E R 1 9 8 0

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1980	Dec. 1979
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$314.71	$309.12	$291.72	42.3	42.0	42.9	$7.44	$7.36	$6.80
Metallic Manufacturing.....	327.08	321.72	305.37	42.7	42.5	43.5	7.66	7.57	7.02
Primary Metals.....	354.53	335.20	340.92	43.5	41.9	45.7	8.15	8.00	7.46
Fabricated Metals.....	292.50	289.59	267.07	42.7	42.4	42.8	6.85	6.83	6.24
Machinery.....	356.53	349.31	335.70	43.8	43.5	45.0	8.14	8.03	7.46
Electrical Equipment.....	250.10	247.46	230.31	40.8	40.5	41.2	6.13	6.11	5.59
Transportation Equipment..	394.62	380.57	372.24	42.8	43.1	44.0	9.22	8.83	8.46
Instruments & Clocks.....	299.78	298.28	272.36	43.7	43.8	44.0	6.86	6.81	6.19
Other Metallic Mfg.....	264.55	256.63	234.89	41.4	40.8	41.5	6.39	6.29	5.66
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	280.44	274.86	252.97	41.0	40.6	41.0	6.84	6.77	6.17
Food.....	301.70	301.07	283.75	41.5	41.7	42.1	7.27	7.22	6.74
Textiles.....	230.83	215.44	217.66	41.0	39.1	42.1	5.63	5.51	5.17
Apparel.....	170.64	169.20	160.24	36.0	36.0	36.5	4.74	4.70	4.39
Lumber & Furniture.....	227.93	227.05	211.86	40.2	40.4	40.9	5.67	5.62	5.18
Paper.....	361.37	341.71	323.18	47.3	45.5	46.5	7.64	7.51	6.95
Printing & Publishing.....	281.94	276.72	254.93	38.1	37.7	37.6	7.40	7.34	6.78
Chemicals.....	346.46	341.51	314.39	42.2	41.8	42.6	8.21	8.17	7.38
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	283.56	277.12	251.45	41.7	41.3	41.7	6.80	6.71	6.03
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	292.72	296.96	253.58	42.3	43.1	41.3	6.92	6.89	6.14
Construction.....	465.70	467.60	404.83	39.3	40.0	38.3	11.85	11.69	10.57

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Dec. 1980 Number	Dec. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. 1980 Number	Nov. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. 1979(R) Number	Dec. 1979(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	100,700	6.2	93,000	5.8	79,900	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.5)		(6.3)		(5.3)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,800	10.2	1,400	8.4	1,200	6.8
Bridgeport.....	11,800	5.9	11,900	6.0	9,500	4.9
Bristol.....	3,500	9.5	3,100	8.6	2,300	6.0
Danbury.....	5,000	5.7	5,000	5.7	4,400	5.0
Danielson.....	3,300	10.5	2,800	9.0	2,300	7.4
Hartford.....	23,000	5.8	20,000	5.1	18,700	4.8
Meriden.....	2,400	9.2	2,200	8.4	1,400	5.4
Middletown.....	3,200	5.2	2,900	4.8	2,800	4.6
New Britain.....	4,700	6.2	4,200	5.6	3,700	5.0
New Haven.....	14,000	6.7	14,000	6.6	10,200	5.0
New London-Norwich.....	6,300	6.0	5,900	5.7	5,400	5.2
Norwalk.....	3,800	4.8	3,500	4.5	3,200	4.2
Stamford.....	5,300	4.3	4,600	3.7	4,600	3.8
Torrington.....	3,400	8.3	2,900	7.2	2,600	6.2
Waterbury.....	8,000	7.4	7,400	6.8	6,600	5.9
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.8	1,200	4.9	1,000	4.0
U.S. Total-Actual.....7,233,000		6.9	7,486,000	7.1	5,836,000	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted.....	---	(7.4)	---	(7.5)	---	(6.0)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Dec. '80	Nov. '80	Dec. '79
All Items.....	258.4	256.2	229.9
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.9	+12.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'80	Nov.'80	Dec.'79(R)	Percent Change to December 1980 from: Nov.'80	Dec.'79
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,510	8,530	8,870	- 0.2	- 4.1
Manufacturing	3,220	3,260	3,500	- 1.2	- 8.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,290	5,270	5,370	+ 0.4	- 1.5
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	172,400	171,140	168,090	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	64,950	64,750	65,780	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	107,450	106,390	102,310	+ 1.0	+ 5.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,710	23,550	25,590	+ 0.7	- 7.3
Manufacturing	10,230	10,140	12,400	+ 0.9	-17.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,480	13,410	13,190	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,020	63,730*(R)	62,930	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	21,160	21,090*	20,960	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	42,860	42,640(R)	41,970	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,330	21,270	21,690*	+ 0.3	- 1.7
Manufacturing	10,270	10,200	10,580*	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	11,060	11,070	11,110	- 0.1	- 0.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	404,330*	401,910*	397,530*	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	99,050	98,900*	98,250*	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	305,280*	303,010	299,280*	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,850*	20,840	22,090	+ 0.1	- 5.6
Manufacturing	5,330*	5,440	5,860	- 2.0	- 9.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,520	15,400	16,230	+ 0.8	- 4.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	48,220*	47,880*	48,420	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Manufacturing	15,930	15,810	16,910	+ 0.8	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	32,290*	32,070*	31,510	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,620*	61,920*	63,090	+ 1.1	- 0.7
Manufacturing	28,410*	27,630*	29,990	+ 2.8	- 5.3
Nonmanufacturing	34,210	34,290	33,100	- 0.2	+ 3.4
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	197,040	196,120*	190,890*	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	42,390	42,170	46,260*	+ 0.5	- 8.4
Nonmanufacturing	154,650	153,950*	144,630	+ 0.5	+ 6.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	92,520*	91,580	88,600*	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	34,990	34,770	33,020*	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	57,530*	56,810	55,580	+ 1.3	+ 3.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,920	64,510	62,310	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	20,840	20,810	20,000	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	44,080	43,700	42,310	+ 0.9	+ 4.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'80	Nov.'80	Dec.'79(R)	Percent Change to December 1980 from: Nov.'80	Dec.'79
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,360	110,200	108,880	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	31,670	31,590	31,410	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	79,690	78,610	77,470	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,220	29,190	29,660*	+ 0.1	- 1.5
Manufacturing	10,280	10,350	10,930*	- 0.7	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,940	18,840	18,730	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,780*	88,120	90,390*	- 0.4	- 2.9
Manufacturing	31,220	31,090	33,690*	+ 0.4	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	56,560*	57,030	56,700	- 0.8	- 0.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,610	19,540	19,660	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Manufacturing	2,770	2,780	2,990	- 0.4	- 7.4
Nonmanufacturing	16,840	16,760	16,670	+ 0.5	+ 1.0

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - DECEMBER 1980

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec.'80	Nov.'80	Dec.'79	Dec.'80	Nov.'80	Dec.'79	Dec.'80	Nov.'80	Dec.'79
Ansonia	$339.04	$343.44	$375.25	41.6	42.4	47.5	$8.15	$8.10	$7.90
Bridgeport	330.81	323.57	304.59	43.3	42.8	43.7	7.64	7.56	6.97
Bristol	342.31	333.66	339.10	40.8	40.2	42.6	8.39	8.30	7.96
Danbury	308.48	300.59	275.52	45.1	44.4	44.8	6.84	6.77	6.15
Danielson	240.41	236.37	214.70	37.8	37.4	37.8	6.36	6.32	5.68
Hartford	343.57	330.72	336.68	43.0	42.4	44.3	7.99	7.80	7.60
Meriden	270.52	252.85	239.20	41.3	38.9	41.1	6.55	6.50	5.82
Middletown	333.48	328.97	317.15	42.0	41.8	42.4	7.94	7.87	7.48
New Britain	324.94	323.79	309.58	42.2	43.0	44.1	7.70	7.53	7.02
New Haven	297.23	282.91	285.91	42.1	40.3	41.8	7.06	7.02	6.84
New London-Norwich	308.39	316.76	281.00	40.9	41.9	40.2	7.54	7.56	6.99
Norwalk	317.44	313.60	278.66	44.9	44.8	44.8	7.07	7.00	6.22
Stamford	287.99	285.65	287.32	41.2	41.1	44.0	6.99	6.95	6.53
Torrington	234.43	230.11	206.85	40.7	40.3	40.4	5.76	5.71	5.12
Waterbury	269.44	259.36	249.37	42.7	41.9	42.7	6.31	6.19	5.84
Willimantic	262.47	263.12	231.92	43.6	44.0	44.6	6.02	5.98	5.20

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Avg. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1979								
Jan....	1364.8	1384.8	2.3	2.5	7391	5292	5.6	5.1
Feb....	1363.2	1391.1	2.0	2.5	4768	4921	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1378.0	1397.7	2.1	2.3	3725	4346	5.5	5.1
Apr....	1394.7	1392.6	2.0	2.2	4722	5342	5.2	5.2
May....	1403.4	1393.3	2.5	2.2	3492	4602	4.8	5.0
Jun....	1419.4	1394.1	2.7	2.2	4744	5624	5.3	5.2
Jul....	1406.4	1415.4	2.2	2.3	9180	5741	5.5	5.3
Aug....	1398.9	1409.5	2.6	2.2	4055	4714	4.9	4.9
Sep....	1412.6	1405.2	2.6	2.1	3369	5287	4.7	5.2
Oct....	1414.7	1405.6	2.5	2.2	3915	5347	4.7	5.2
Nov....	1422.7	1409.6	2.1	2.4	4386	5671	4.8	5.2
Dec....	1432.0	1414.1	1.4	2.2	9830	5720	5.0	5.3
1980								
Jan....	1401.2	1421.1	2.0	2.2	7301	5388	6.0	5.5
Feb....	1397.7	1426.2	1.9	2.3	4513	4615	5.5	5.0
Mar....	1404.7	1424.6	2.1	2.3	3752	4393	5.1	4.7
Apr....	1411.1	1409.7	1.7	1.9	5179	5754	4.9	4.9
May....	1415.0	1405.2	1.9	1.7	4807	6594	5.0	5.2
Jun....	1417.8	1392.7	2.1	1.6	6289	7338	5.9	5.8
Jul....	1395.8	1404.2	1.1	1.1	9917	6289	6.2	5.9
Aug....	1386.5	1397.7	1.5	1.2	6643	7540	6.1	6.1
Sep....	1403.4	1396.4	1.8	1.4	4175	6384	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1405.4	1397.0	1.6	1.4	4256	5994	5.6	6.2
Nov....	1411.2	1398.6	1.4(R)	1.6(R)	4464	5738	5.8	6.3
Dec....	1419.0	1400.8	1.1(P)	1.8(P)	9094	5251	6.2	6.5

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1979							
Jan....	$2434.8	10553	12428	42.7	42.8	114.3	110.6
Feb....	2473.2	6062	7502	42.5	42.7	114.4	111.0
Mar....	2483.8	14979	14335	42.6	42.6	116.0	113.1
Apr....	2487.7	12418	13526	40.7	41.1	111.6	109.8
May....	2503.7	15163	13235	41.5	41.7	113.1	111.5
Jun....	2523.7	13662	10981	41.8	41.7	114.9	111.6
Jul....	2558.3	12409	10230	41.6	41.7	99.5	112.2
Aug....	2577.6	10027	8641	41.4	41.9	100.2	112.7
Sep....	2592.5	8234	10365	41.9	41.9	113.8	110.6
Oct....	2605.1	10676	10932	42.2	42.0	116.5	112.3
Nov....	2631.4	12498	13943	42.7	42.3	119.2	113.7
Dec....	2652.3	9863	10506	42.9	42.3	109.0	113.7
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10564	42.6	42.6	121.1	117.2
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10229	42.2	42.4	120.6	117.0
Mar....	2706.0	13194	12650	42.2	42.2	121.9	118.8
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10818	41.9	42.3	121.2	119.3
May....	2696.9	9875	8617	41.8	42.0	120.0	118.3
Jun....	2704.1	9868	7932	41.6	41.5	118.8	115.3
Jul....	2747.7	9564	7885	41.3	41.4	100.7	113.5
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8548	41.3	41.8	100.4	112.9
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12319	41.3	41.3	116.2	112.9
Oct....	2799.0	10032	10268	41.5	41.3	117.4	113.2
Nov....	2810.3	8060	8996	42.0	41.5	120.2	114.7
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11692	42.3	41.7	110.3	115.0

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CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS GRANTED VISA EXTENSION TO JULY 15, 1981

Employers of Cuban/Haitian Entrants who have I-94 VISA forms whose status was scheduled to expire on January 15, 1981, should know that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has issued a blanket extension of their status to July 15, 1981. In a policy letter dated January 9, 1981, the Central Office of INS states that Cuban/Haitian entrants whose documents are stamped with this January 15th expiration date need not, at this time, report to INS to have their status updated.

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Personal income in Connecticut continued its two-year climb and manufacturing output also increased in January while seasonal cutbacks prompted a decline in employment and higher unemployment, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 21,900 from December because of normal seasonal losses in construction and post-holiday layoffs in retail trade. Compared to January 1980, 16,800 more persons were working (Page 2). Employment in manufacturing rose by 400 as the machinery and transportation equipment offset a loss in the fabricated metals group.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers established a record high of $314.91, up by 20 cents from the previous month (Page 3). Average hourly earnings rose slightly while the average workweek was 42.1 hours compared with 42.3 in December. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $286 or $7.15 per hour, both up from the revised December figures. Weekly earnings were highest in the Hartford, Bristol and Ansonia areas (Page 6).

Unemployment: Each labor market area had a rise in unemployment in January (Page 4), but the statewide unemployment rate of 7.1 percent (6.5 percent seasonally adjusted) remained below the national rate of 8.2 percent (7.4 percent seasonally adjusted). Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents rose by nearly $10 million while manufacturing output increased and the number of average weekly initial claims for benefits decreased. The factory new hire rate increased and new auto registrations declined (Page 7).

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NOTE: The January 1981 and last year's labor force, employment and unemployment estimates for Connecticut were revised with new data as mandated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. These adjustments are made annually.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

January 1981

	Jan. 1981	Dec. (R) 1980	Jan. (R) 1980	% Change Jan. '81 over Dec. '80	% Change Jan. '81 over Jan. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,420,500*	1,442,400*	1,409,000*	- 1.5	+ 0.8
Manufacturing.....	440,900*	440,500*	446,200*	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Metallic Manufacturing.	323,000*	322,400*	327,900*	+ 0.2	- 1.5
Primary Metals.....	20,700*	20,700*	22,100*	0.0	- 6.3
Fabricated Metals....	64,900	65,400	67,900*	- 0.8	- 4.4
Machinery, Ex. Elec..	62,400	61,800	63,800*	+ 1.0	- 2.2
Electrical Equipment.	50,300	50,300	50,700	0.0	- 0.8
Transp. Equipment....	89,300	88,800	88,400*	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Instruments & Clocks.	27,000	27,000	26,600	0.0	+ 1.5
Other Metallic Mfg...	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0	0.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,900*	118,100	118,300*	- 0.2	- 0.3
Food.....	13,000	12,600	12,700	+ 3.2	+ 2.4
Textiles.....	7,900	8,000	8,900	- 1.2	- 11.2
Apparel.....	10,900	11,100	10,500	- 1.8	+ 3.8
Furniture & Lumber...	6,800	6,900	7,100	- 1.4	- 4.2
Paper.....	9,400	9,600	9,300	- 2.1	+ 1.1
Printing & Publishing	24,500	24,300	24,200*	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Chemicals.....	18,600	18,400	17,900*	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Rubber & Misc. Plast.	13,700*	14,000	14,000	- 2.1	- 2.1
Other Nonmetallic Mfg	13,100	13,200	13,700*	- 0.8	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing.....	979,600*	1,001,900	962,800*	- 2.2	+ 1.7
Construction.....	42,400	49,100	46,600	- 13.6	- 9.0
Trans. (Inc. R.R.)...	32,000	32,500	32,000	- 1.5	0.0
Communications.....	18,200	18,200	17,700	0.0	+ 2.8
Utilities.....	10,900	10,900	11,000	0.0	- 0.9
Trade.....	297,900*	310,600	293,800	- 4.1	+ 1.4
Wholesale.....	74,400*	76,200	72,100	- 2.4	+ 3.2
Retail.....	161,400	168,800	159,800	- 4.4	+ 1.0
Restaurants.....	62,100	65,600	61,900	- 5.3	+ 0.3
Finance & Real Estate	45,700	45,100	44,400	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
Insurance.....	59,900	58,900	57,600	+ 1.7	+ 4.0
Service.....	288,800*	291,600	276,100*	- 1.0	+ 4.6
Hotels.....	5,500	6,000	5,600	- 8.3	- 1.8
Laund. & Pers.Serv.	14,000	14,000	14,300	0.0	- 2.1
Health Services....	97,400*	96,200	93,200*	+ 1.2	+ 4.5
Law & Professional.	20,500	20,300	19,100	- 1.0	+ 7.3
Other Services.....	151,400	155,100	143,900	- 2.4	+ 5.2
Government.....	183,800	185,000	183,600	- 0.7	+ 0.1
Federal.....	21,800	21,800	21,100	0.0	+ 3.3
State & Local	162,000	163,200	162,500	- 0.7	- 0.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$314.91	$314.71	$290.11	42.1	42.3	42.6	$7.48	$7.44	$6.81
Metallic Manufacturing.....	326.82	327.08	303.26	42.5	42.7	43.2	7.69	7.66	7.02
Primary Metals.....	358.00	354.53	342.46	43.5	43.5	45.6	8.23	8.15	7.51
Fabricated Metals.....	293.83	292.50	268.81	42.4	42.7	42.6	6.93	6.85	6.31
Machinery.....	359.10	356.53	338.10	43.9	43.8	44.9	8.18	8.14	7.53
Electrical Equipment.....	256.68	250.10	232.25	41.2	40.8	41.4	6.23	6.13	5.61
Transportation Equipment..	379.26	394.62	354.75	42.0	42.8	43.0	9.03	9.22	8.25
Instruments and Clocks....	301.78	299.78	273.56	43.8	43.7	43.7	6.89	6.86	6.26
Other Metallic Mfg.....	264.86	264.55	228.66	41.0	41.4	40.4	6.46	6.39	5.66
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	280.70	280.44	253.78	40.8	41.0	40.8	6.88	6.84	6.22
Food.....	303.16	301.70	285.69	41.7	41.5	42.2	7.27	7.27	6.77
Textiles.....	221.84	230.83	213.73	39.9	41.0	41.5	5.56	5.63	5.15
Apparel.....	170.88	170.64	160.45	35.6	36.0	36.3	4.80	4.74	4.42
Lumber & Furniture.....	226.29	227.93	205.42	39.7	40.2	40.2	5.70	5.67	5.11
Paper.....	352.12	361.37	326.90	46.7	47.3	46.5	7.54	7.64	7.03
Printing & Publishing.....	279.37	281.94	252.34	37.6	38.1	37.0	7.43	7.40	6.82
Chemicals.....	351.95	346.46	318.97	42.2	42.2	42.7	8.34	8.21	7.47
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	287.85	283.56	250.50	41.9	41.7	41.2	6.87	6.80	6.08
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	294.10	292.72	257.71	42.5	42.3	41.7	6.92	6.92	6.18
Construction.....	487.15	465.70	403.77	39.8	39.3	37.7	12.24	11.85	10.71

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Jan. 1981 Number	Jan. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Dec. 1980(R) Number	Dec. 1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force	Jan. 1980(R) Number	Jan. 1980(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	113,000	7.1	94,000	5.8	97,300	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.5)		(6.1)		(5.6)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,800	10.5	1,600	9.4	1,700	9.5
Bridgeport.....	14,200	7.2	11,000	5.5	12,700	6.5
Bristol.....	3,700	10.0	3,300	8.9	2,800	7.2
Danbury.....	6,400	7.0	4,700	5.2	5,100	5.9
Danielson.....	3,000	10.5	2,900	10.1	3,500	11.4
Hartford.....	24,200	6.2	21,300	5.4	19,200	5.1
Meriden.....	2,800	10.3	2,200	8.2	1,900	7.3
Middletown.....	3,700	6.1	3,000	4.9	3,100	5.3
New Britain.....	5,800	7.5	4,400	5.6	4,500	5.8
New Haven.....	15,100	7.4	13,000	6.2	12,900	6.2
New London-Norwich.....	7,000	6.7	5,900	5.6	6,300	6.0
Norwalk.....	3,800	5.1	3,500	4.5	3,600	4.8
Stamford.....	5,600	4.7	4,900	4.0	4,900	4.1
Torrington.....	4,100	10.0	3,200	7.7	3,900	9.3
Waterbury.....	10,500	9.6	8,000	7.3	10,100	9.0
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.3	1,100	4.3	1,100	4.4
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,543,000	8.2	7,233,000	6.9	7,043,000	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....	---	(7.4)	---	(7.4)	---	(6.2)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Jan. '81	Dec. '80	Jan. '80
All Items.....	260.5	258.4	233.2
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.8	+11.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jan.'81	Dec.'80(R)	Jan.'80(R)	Percent Change to January 1981 from: Dec.'80	Jan.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,550	8,710	8,880	- 1.8	- 3.7
Manufacturing	3,200	3,190	3,470	+ 0.3	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,350	5,520	5,410	- 3.1	- 1.1
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	170,710	175,490	168,050	- 2.7	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	65,960	65,760	65,990	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	104,750	109,730	102,060	- 4.5	+ 2.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,780	23,760	25,130	+ 0.1	- 5.4
Manufacturing	10,300	10,330	11,920	- 0.3	- 13.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,480	13,430	13,210	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,760	65,800	62,250	- 1.6	+ 4.0
Manufacturing	21,920	21,840	21,430	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	42,840	43,960	40,820	- 2.5	+ 4.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,660	19,910	19,850	- 1.3	- 1.0
Manufacturing	9,090	9,060	9,590	+ 0.3	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	10,570	10,850	10,260	- 2.6	+ 3.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	400,030	406,750	390,040	- 1.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	99,690	99,410	100,220	+ 0.3	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	300,340	307,340	289,820	- 2.3	+ 3.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,560*	21,790*	21,540	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	5,930*	5,830*	6,270	+ 1.7	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	15,630	15,960	15,270	- 2.1	+ 2.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,790*	47,820*	46,030	- 2.2	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	16,220	16,180	17,090	+ 0.2	- 5.1
Nonmanufacturing	30,570*	31,640*	28,940	- 3.4	+ 5.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,270*	66,120*	65,250	- 1.3	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	30,240*	30,020*	31,360	+ 0.7	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	35,030	36,100	33,890	- 3.0	+ 3.4
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	192,080	195,220	190,410*	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	41,600	42,130	45,120*	- 1.3	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	150,480	153,090	145,290	- 1.7	+ 3.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	91,040	93,580	89,120*	- 2.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	35,510	35,690	34,270*	- 0.5	+ 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	55,530	57,890	54,850	- 4.1	+ 1.2
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,420	63,530	61,150	- 1.7	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	21,020	21,050	20,240	- 0.1	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	41,400	42,480	40,910	- 2.5	+ 1.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jan.'81	Dec.'80(R)	Jan.'80(R)	Percent Change to January 1981 from: Dec.'80	Jan.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	108,360	110,170	106,400	- 1.6	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	31,010	30,910	30,810	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	77,350	79,260	75,590	- 2.4	+ 2.3
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,730	29,710	29,120	- 3.3	- 1.3
Manufacturing	10,520	10,440	10,650	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,210	19,270	18,470	- 5.5	- 1.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,560	88,300*	88,970	- 0.8	- 1.6
Manufacturing	32,830	32,930	34,670	- 0.3	- 5.3
Nonmanufacturing	54,730	55,370*	54,300	- 1.2	+ 0.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,480	20,280	19,230	- 3.9	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	2,970	2,910	2,870	+ 2.1	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	16,510	17,370	16,360	- 5.0	+ 0.9

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JANUARY 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.'81	Dec.'80	Jan.'80	Jan.'81	Dec.'80	Jan.'80	Jan.'81	Dec.'80	Jan.'80
Ansonia	$330.46	$339.04	$368.34	40.3	41.6	46.1	$8.20	$8.15	$7.99
Bridgeport	327.17	330.81	306.42	42.6	43.3	43.9	7.68	7.64	6.98
Bristol	337.05	342.31	335.12	39.7	40.8	42.1	8.49	8.39	7.96
Danbury	308.25	308.48	272.27	45.0	45.1	44.2	6.85	6.84	6.16
Danielson	245.50	240.41	215.76	38.3	37.8	37.2	6.41	6.36	5.80
Hartford	338.44	343.57	321.10	42.2	43.0	43.1	8.02	7.99	7.45
Meriden	262.94	270.52	250.92	39.9	41.3	40.8	6.59	6.55	6.15
Middletown	323.46	333.48	296.53	41.1	42.0	40.9	7.87	7.94	7.25
New Britain	328.02	324.94	303.20	42.6	42.2	43.5	7.70	7.70	6.97
New Haven	285.20	297.23	281.11	40.0	42.1	41.4	7.13	7.06	6.79
New London-Norwich	307.63	308.39	287.12	40.8	40.9	40.9	7.54	7.54	7.02
Norwalk	322.11	317.44	285.38	44.8	44.9	44.8	7.19	7.07	6.37
Stamford	285.89	287.99	284.26	40.9	41.2	43.8	6.99	6.99	6.49
Torrington	232.03	234.43	209.68	39.8	40.7	40.4	5.83	5.76	5.19
Waterbury	270.72	269.44	247.28	42.3	42.7	41.7	6.40	6.31	5.93
Willimantic	265.70	262.47	244.00	43.7	43.6	48.8	6.08	6.02	5.00

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Avg. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.0	1429.0	2.0	2.2	7301	5388	6.1	5.6
Feb....	1405.0	1433.7	1.9	2.3	4513	4615	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.7	1438.9	2.1	2.3	3752	4393	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.1	1425.7	1.7	1.9	5179	5754	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.5	1425.5	1.9	1.7	4807	6594	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1440.1	1414.6	2.1	1.6	6289	7338	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1413.9	1422.4	1.1	1.1	9917	6289	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1404.4	1415.7	1.5	1.2	6643	7540	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1420.5	1413.4	1.8	1.4	4175	6384	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1427.5	1419.0	1.6	1.4	4256	5994	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1435.6	1422.8	1.4	1.6	4464	5738	5.5	5.9
Dec....	1442.4	1423.9	1.0(R)	1.6(R)	9094	5251	5.8	6.1
1981								
Jan....	1420.5	1440.7	1.5(P)	1.6(P)	7433	5486	7.1	6.5
Feb....								
Mar....								
Apr....								
May....								
Jun....								
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10564	42.6	42.6	121.1	117.2
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10229	42.2	42.4	120.6	117.0
Mar....	2706.0	13194	12650	42.2	42.2	121.9	118.8
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10818	41.9	42.3	121.2	119.3
May....	2696.9	9875	8617	41.8	42.0	120.0	118.3
Jun....	2704.1	9868	7932	41.6	41.5	118.8	115.3
Jul....	2747.7	9564	7885	41.3	41.4	100.7	113.5
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8548	41.3	41.8	100.4	112.9
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12319	41.3	41.3	116.2	112.9
Oct....	2799.0	10032	10268	41.5	41.3	117.4	113.2
Nov....	2810.3	8060	8996	42.0	41.5	120.2	114.7
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11692	42.3	41.7	110.3	115.0
1981							
Jan....	2851.9	9052	10662	42.1	42.1	119.7	115.9
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
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